GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Railway has taken any steps to modernize various railway stations in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof including targets set for the last three years and the achievements made thereon; and

(c) the progress of the work regarding Canning Railway Station as Model Station and the time by which it is likely to be completed in all respects ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): In order to make perceptible improvement, 14 stations (out of the declared model stations total 41 number) in West Bengal, on Eastern Railway, have been identified to be modernized and given a facelift during the year 2006-07. These stations are Howrah, Barddhaman, Rampurhat, Bolpur, Tarakeswar, Sealdah, Bidhannagar Road, Dum Dum Jn., Barasat, Ranaghat, Malda Town, New Farakka, Asansol and Durgapur.

To modernize various stations and improve passenger amenities, a number of work proposals have been sanctioned over the last three years and are being completed in a phased manner. These are:

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2004-05  :  21 works costing about Rs. 8 crore,
2005-06  :  27 works costing about Rs. 12.75 crore, and
2006-07  :  77 works costing about Rs. 30.84 crore.
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(c): The work is progressing and planned to be completed by March, 2008.